



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov

. Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

#Finish522

On Wednesday, February 6, 2019, City Staff and members from the community will go down to Olympia to meet with legislators and speak with the transportation committee on the importance of finishing SR522. On the agenda for the 6th we will meet with other district Representatives and Senators, and our 39th delegation. I look forward to meeting with these legislators and speaking with them regarding SR522. We will provide updates throughout the day. Please continue to show your support to [#Finish522](https://www.facebook.com/finish522).

City of Monroe Ranked 12th in Safest Cities for 2019

The National Council for Home Safety and Security ranked the City of Monroe 12th as a safe city in Washington. We are ranked first in Snohomish County. The ranking comes from the FBI Uniform Crime Statistics from two broad classifications of crimes: violent crimes and non-violent crimes. Thank you to the Monroe Police Department for your work in keeping Monroe safe. Your efforts make a difference. To view the rankings, click [here](#).

3rd Annual Chili Bowl

On January 29, 2019, the Monroe Community Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club, and the Sky Valley Food Bank hosted the 3rd annual Chili Bowl. The City of Monroe was one of 23 entries to vie for the Golden Spoon award. The City's theme was "Men and Women at Work" and our chili entry was "Road Kill Chili." The entries were judged on three categories; most spicy, meatiest, and most original. Entries also received votes from those in attendance for favorite chili. After fierce competition, the City's team received an honorable mention from the judges and was awarded the Silver Spoon for favorite chili. Congratulations!



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EVENT HAPPENINGS

02/04	Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
02/05	City Council Regular Study Session, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
02/06	City of Monroe #Finish522 Lobby Day, Olympia, WA (All Day)

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$5,202,980

'18 to 12/31/18: \$5,227,287

UP \$24,307 or 0.46%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 12/31/17: \$1,621,391

'18 to 12/31/18: \$1,333,345

DOWN \$288,046 or -17.76%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$83,861

'18 to 12/31/18: \$88,063

UP \$4,203 or 5.01%

Business License Fees

'17 to 12/31/17: \$50,642

'18 to 12/31/18: \$49,949

DOWN \$693 or 1.36%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$617,823

'18 to 12/31/18: \$752,468

UP \$135,445 or 21.95%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$41,041

'18 to 12/31/18: \$61,285

UP \$20,244 or 49.32%

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 12/31/17: 138

'18 to 12/31/18: 190

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 12/31/17: 24

'18 to 12/31/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 12/31/17: 3,001

'18 to 12/31/18: 2,466

CITY HAPPENINGS

Homeless Policy Advisory Committee

On Tuesday, January 22nd the City Council voted unanimously to establish the Homeless Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC). The purpose of the HPAC is to provide a forum for the coordination of information among local citizens and stakeholders to seek thoughtful, effective, and lasting solutions to the City's homelessness crisis, and to facilitate assistance for unsheltered persons in the Monroe community. The HPAC will provide the Mayor and City Council with nonbinding advice and recommendations regarding issues related to homelessness. [Applications](#) are available now and the deadline for submission is February 11, 2019. Thank you to the City Council for your support with this committee. For more information and the application please visit the [City's Homelessness Webpage](#).

Unified Development Regulations (UDR) Update -- Public Hearing

On February 11, 2019, the City's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review amendments to the city's zoning code and development regulations. These proposed amendments to the land use code will:

- Develop a greater emphasis on manufacturing uses in the light industrial zone by generally removing commercial and service based uses, such retail and restaurants. However, the proposal would continue to allow commercial and service-based businesses in the buildings fronting Frylands Boulevard.
- Allow for a greater range of uses on many commercial properties (vicinity of Frylands and US-2) impacted by the airport restrictions
- Institute moderate design guidelines for commercial, single, and multifamily structures
- By March 2019, align the adopted Comprehensive Plan future land use map/designations with the proposed zoning map
- Establish a new tourist commercial zone adjacent to the fairgrounds
- Expand the area within the City where mobile vendors, such as food trucks, are allowed to operate

Please note, regardless of the proposed code amendments, all lawfully-established businesses may continue operations as legally nonconforming businesses. To learn more about the proposed changes and how they help the community address its growth and development issues, visit the city's website at: monroewa.gov/639/Unified-Development-Regulations.

We encourage interested parties to attend the February 11th Planning Commission meeting to comment on the new land use code. If you have questions, or would like to discuss how these changes could affect your business, please contact Shana Restall, Principal Planner at SRestall@monroewa.gov or call 360-863-4608.

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (4)
- HPAC Member (9 to 11)
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
- Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Senior Planner (Parks)

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COMMENTS!**

National TV Safety Day is February 2, 2019

National TV Safety Day is coming up on Saturday, February 2. Take a moment to ensure your TVs are stable and secured. <https://www.safekids.org/tv> Video: <https://youtu.be/YIKGp9NxaQI> Here are some additional facts and resources to keep your family safe.

Facts

- Every three weeks a child dies from a TV tip-over. Learn the steps you can take to prevent this: <https://bit.ly/2iM7UP1> #TVtipovers #anchorit
- Ten children go to the ER every day because of a TV tip-over. Learn how to prevent this. <https://bit.ly/1gyCW0Y> #TVtipovers #anchorit
- Did you know? 7 out of 10 kids injured by #TVtipovers are ages 5 and under. Learn more about TV safety: <https://bit.ly/2yY1Qtl> #TVtipovers #anchorit

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, February 5, 2019, City Council Regular Study Session includes a Presentation by County Councilmember Sam Low and Discussion Items: 2019 Board/Commission Work Plans and Council Legislative Committees – Public Safety Committee Creation. See you then!

Have a question for your Councilmembers? Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov!!



Kevin Hanford



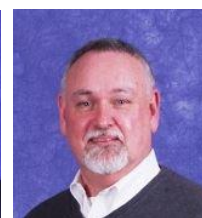
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